**No marine parks – Petition**

**To the speaker and members of the legislative assembly in parliament assembled**

We the undersigned, petition the Parliament of New South Wales to stop the proposal of 25 new marine parks across Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong, and reverse the declaration of existing marine parks, including the Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park and Batemans Marine Park, to allow recreational fishing.

The petition of certain citizens of New South Wales, state that the fishers pose no threat to marine biodiversity in NSW as they are best positioned to identify problems and are the most concerned with marine health and fish stocks.

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